

# Modifications to 2+2

2+2 Working Group Meeting

November 19, 2015



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- 2+2 program has been in place since late 1990's
- Program has produced excellent graduates that have excelled on dairy farms and as a part of agricultural related businesses in the state and region
- Enrollment has declined somewhat and there are fewer students taking part in the UVM portion of the program.

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## Small class size

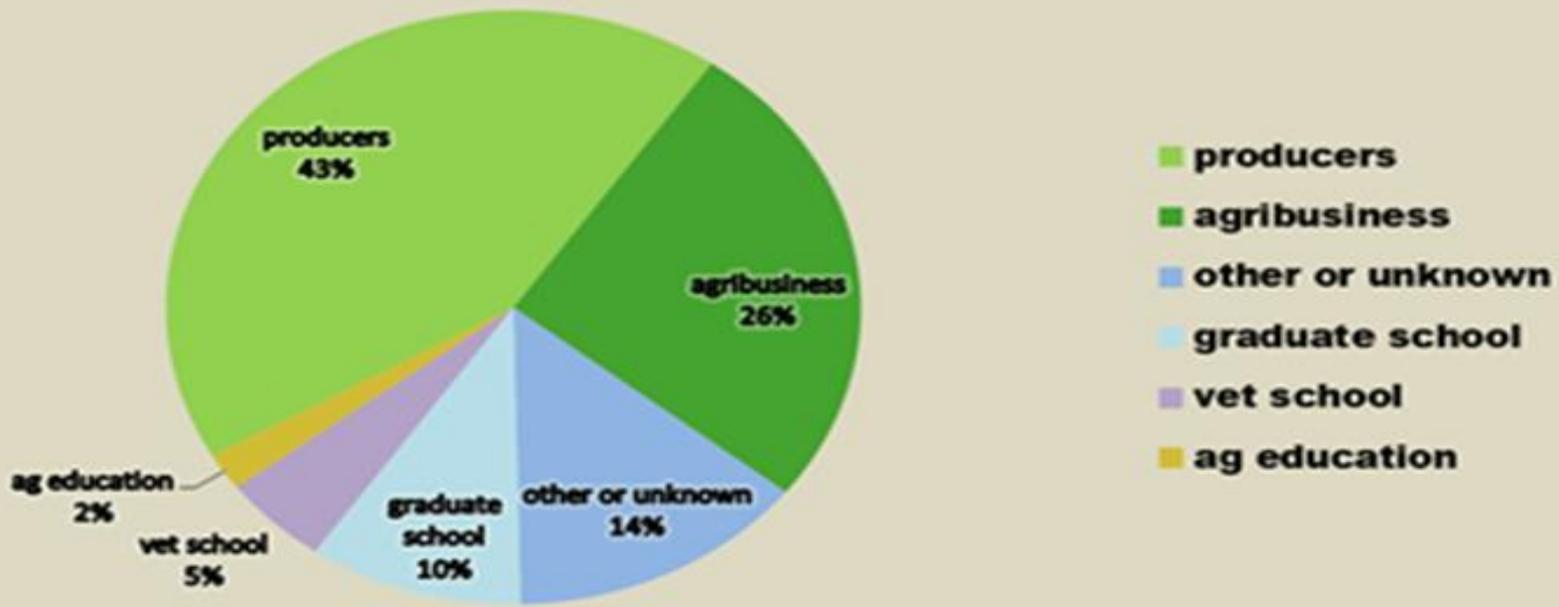


| Year | Freshmen | Sophomore | Junior | Senior |
|------|----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 2009 | 7        | 6         | 5      | 6      |
| 2010 | 7        | 6         | 6      | 5      |
| 2011 | 2        | 7         | 6      | 6      |
| 2012 | 8        | 3         | 3      | 7      |
| 2013 | 10       | 8         | 3      | 3      |
| 2014 | 3        | 10        | 8      | 3      |
| 2015 | 6        | 2         | 2      | 3      |
| 2016 | 4        |           |        | 1      |

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## Alumni

Careers of Miner Institute's Advanced Dairy Management Program Graduates 2000-2015



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- As part of the discussions surrounding the 2+2 program at the end of the 2015 legislative session, a 2+2 workgroup was discussed with legislative leaders.
- These legislative leaders want to see this program continue but want to see a new model.
- Representative Partridge and Senator Starr both encouraged the group to move this forward and to come back with a program that would work for students.

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- **The working group met Monthly**
- Received an overview of the current program
  - Did a SWOT analysis of the current program, the schools and Miner
  - Focused on Student needs
  - Heard from past students, industry and Legislators regarding the current program
- Used all Information to Design a new program
  - Flexibility for students
  - Use strengths of each school
  - Include Miner Institute
- Obtain input from Students, Industry and Legislators
  - Past and present students
  - Industry leaders and key employers
  - Input from Key Legislators

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- The modified program looks make the following changes:
  - Continue the program as is – 2 years at VTC and 2 years at UVM including the Miner semester – but make the Miner experience Spring of Senior year.
    - 3 straight semesters at UVM – housing on campus
    - Time to get to know people – not as disruptive
  - Students take part in CREAM at UVM
    - Leadership role in this program
    - Continues hands on learning

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- The modified program looks make the following changes:
  - Increase interaction of students together outside classroom – industry supported speakers at UVM and VTC for the entire group.
    - 3 times per college year
    - Meetings with speakers and food
    - 1 time at each site and one offsite
    - Involve alumni, industry and advisory group

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- The modified program looks make the following changes:
  - Advisory Council meet quarterly and expand group –  
Managed by Agency of Agriculture
    - One legislator
    - One past graduate
    - One industry representative – maybe more
    - One representative from Agency of Agriculture
    - UVM representatives
    - VTC representatives
    - Miner Representatives
  - Responsible for program evaluation, assistance with student interactions outside of class, advertising and promotion and student selection

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- The modified program looks make the following changes:
  - Consistent advisor through the whole program
    - One person that the student relies on for the whole program
  - Potential for a coordinator for the program
    - Used to have a coordinator that assisted with advertising and promotion and student concerns
    - Funding concern

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- The modified program looks make the following changes:
  - More advertising and promotion of the program
    - VTC already working on new brochure
    - Outreach at college fairs
    - Need to work on counselors
    - Selection process earlier – students know by March
    - Funding must be settled at legislature
    - Return to Full Scholarship at VTC – students being offered more at other colleges

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- The modified program looks make the following changes:
  - Meeting with Legislators, Secretary of Ag and students and parents to instill importance of program and investment by state.
    - During legislative session
    - Invite all scholarship recipients to reception at Statehouse
    - Introduced and honored
    - Speeches about importance to state and value of scholarship

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- Input from past graduates
- Input from current students
- Input from Industry
  
- Will this new program meet the needs of?:?
  - Students
  - Industry
  - Farm managers